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1 March 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Operations, OSA

ATTENTION: Chief, Special Action Staff, Operations, OSA

SUBJECT: OXCART Monthly Operational Summary and  
Status Report for Period 1-29 February 1968

1. Overflight Summary (PINWHEEL):

a. Two A-12 operational missions were flown during the month of February. Both missions were launched from and recovered at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa.

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(1) [redacted] against North Vietnam targets in the north central area with one pass over the DMZ. Total flight time was 3:54. [redacted]

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[redacted] No target coverage was obtained due 95 percent cloud cover in areas of interest.

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(2) [redacted] and accomplished two passes over North Korea. Total flight time was 3:39. The mission obtained good coverage of the southern two-fifths of North Korea. Haze and snow cover hampered interpretation in the mountainous area. [redacted]

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[redacted] A total of 11 SAM sites covered; 8 occupied; 2 for identification only. Eighty-eight bonus targets were covered. One SSM target was covered. Four new SAM sites were uncovered on this mission bringing new North Korea total SAMs to eighteen.

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2. Project Pilot Inventory:

Six Project pilots are currently operationally ready. Two  
pilots are at Kadena Air Base [redacted]

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3. A-12 Aircraft:

a. Following five aircraft [redacted]

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(1) Aircraft 121 (flight test); Aircraft 128, 132 and 124  
(trainer).

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(2) Aircraft 130 was placed in storage [redacted] on  
26 February 1968.

b. Aircraft 127, 129 and 131 are at Kadena Air Base,  
Okinawa.

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Chief, OXCART Division, Operations, OSA

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